

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/741,513

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Hae M Hyeon

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Preliminary Amendment filed on 12/19/03.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-18.
3. ☐ The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.
THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☒ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☒ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date 0404.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with the attorney Thomas J. Donovan on Tuesday, April 20, 2004.

The application has been amended as follows: In the originally filed claim

- Claim 1, lines 1-2, "an outer conductor and an inner conductor" has been changed to -- an outer conductor, an inner conductor, and insulation disposed between the inner and outer conductors and displaced from a lead end of the inner conductor, --.
- Claim 1, line 9, -- adjacent the lead end -- has been inserted after "inner conductor".
- Claim 12, lines 1-2, "an outer conductor and an inner conductor" has been changed to -- an outer conductor, an inner conductor, and insulation disposed between the inner and outer conductors and displaced from a lead end of the inner conductor, --.
- Claim 12, line 11, -- adjacent the lead end -- has been inserted after "inner conductor".
- Claim 18, lines 1-2, "an outer conductor and an inner conductor" has been changed to -- an outer conductor, an inner conductor, and cable insulation disposed between the inner and outer conductors and displaced from a lead end of the inner conductor, --.
- Claim 18, line 9, "insulation" has been changed to -- insulator --.
- Claim 18, line -- adjacent the lead end -- has been inserted after "inner conductor".

REASON FOR ALLOWANCE

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: In combination with all the limitations recited in the independent claim, all the prior arts do not show a connector comprising an outer conductor contact, an inner conductor contact having a projection, and an annular lip, where in the projection is configured to extend into a channel defined by an inner conductor of a coaxial cable and is engaged to an inner surface of the inner conductor and the annular lip is configured to engage an outer surface of the inner conductor when the projection and the lip are extended into the channel. The lip and the projection are configured to limit the movement of the inner conductor of the coaxial cable relative to an outer conductor of the coaxial cable.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

EXAMINER'S COMMENT

3. Drawings are very difficult to understand because lines are not drawn clearly. Also, the examiner suggests the applicant to add enlarged view of the place where the projection and the lip engaging the inner conductor of the coaxial cable since the drawing of this portion is too small to see clear view how the projection and the lip engages with the inner conductor.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hae M Hyeon whose AU is 2839 and whose telephone number is 571-272-2093. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Fri. (8:30-5:30).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lynn D Feild can be reached on 571-272-2092. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the telephone number 571-272-2800 ext 39.

Any response to this action may be mailed to:

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P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

For additional information regarding this new address, which was effective May 1, 2003, see *Correspondence with the United States Patent and Trademark Office*, 68 Fed. Reg. 14332 (March 25, 2003).

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